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Crybaby Coach Tactics Might Help Our Spies

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Sen. Young, R-N.D., met some of our CIA secret agents overseas. He is convinced that their work is outstanding, that they are probably doing better than is KGB, the Soviet competition, which has twice as many people.

Of course cutting the staff by 50 per cent has long been a prime remedy for diplomatic weakness, though few empire-building officials are willing to take such bitter medicine.

Even accepting assurances and rejoicing in them, many will wonder whether we ought to boast about such accomplishments. Overconfidence on our part would be bad. If we are ahead of the Russians, why scare them into doubling their effort?

These statements ought to be rewritten by a former football coach from Old Melancholia. The loud despair and self-pity of standard early-season statements to the sports writers seemed to work, if only in evoking the equivalent of larger appropriation.